



**For Immediate Release**

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**Does an increase in state test scores turn hair blue?**

*Sacramento, CA* – Staff and students have found a unique way to celebrate their increase in test scores.

Garden Valley Elementary School teachers and administrators will have blue hair on Friday and medals will be given for outstanding student performance at an awards ceremony on Friday, October 3rd at 9am.

The California Department of Education, in its 2008 API (Academic Performance Index), reports that Garden Valley met target growth in both schoolwide and subgroup tests, with a 34 point increase in test scores.

Principal Michele Williams and her staff made the promise to students last year that they would don blue hair for a day if the students did well on their state tests and on Friday they will fulfill that promise.

Garden Valley Elementary School serves families in the Del Paso Heights community. Garden Valley takes pride in serving a diverse community and feels privileged to work with parents and the community in educating children.

**Please call 916-825-6809 for any questions or directions regarding the event above. If unable to attend, please let us know if you would like to receive a story and photos from the event.**